GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4134
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MERGER OF ORGANISATIONS
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of organisations which have merged to form Prasar Bharati;

(b) whether sufficient funds were provided for functioning of these institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): AIR and Doordarshan, which were earlier functioning as attached offices of theMinistry of Information and Broadcasting, are now constituents of Prasar Bharati w.e.f. 23.11.1997

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. With effect from 1.4.2000, Prasar Bharati has been given its ownfunds in the form of grants-in-aid (for revenue expenditure) and loans (for capital expenditure). It has also been allowed to retain its commercial earnings. Details of funds provided to Prasar Bharati for the year 2000-2001 are as follows:-

(Rs in crore)

	Sanctioned Budget Grant 2000-2001	Revised Estimates 2000-2001
Non Plan Revenue	919.98	906.42
Plan Revenue	42.98	70.94
Plan Capital	170.30	139.30